BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

President: Before the legislative business commences I desire to make one observation. I have been asked to give some more time—one more non-official day—for the consideration of a non-official Bill which is on the tapis. It is entirely left to this House to decide whether the work of legislation now before the House, namely, the Co-operative Societies Bill and the Trade Unions Bill, will be finished to-day or not. If by chance these Bills are finished to-day, tomorrow will be free, and it will be possible for the House to take up non-official business to-morrow, if the House does not want a holiday. I am perfectly willing to accommodate the non-official members in that respect. If, on the other hand, they think that one day's discussion will be sufficient for the non-official Bill in question, then Thursday may be devoted for the purpose. It must be distinctly understood that while as President I am perfectly willing to give the utmost latitude to the discussion of that Bill, it does not mean that Government has formed a final opinion on the Bill. I do not wish to say more than that at the present moment.

THE TRAVANCORE CO OPERATIVE SOCIETIES BILL.—(*contd.*)

Clause 15.

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai (*Vaikam* cum *Shertalai*): My amendment is to delete clause 15. The matter covered by clause 15 is one which can be provided for in the bye-laws. It is not necessary to deal with the change of name of a society in the Regulation itself. I therefore move that the clause may be deleted.

The amendment fell through for want of seconding.

The question that clause 15 do stand part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

The clause was added to the Bill.

Clause 16.

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai: My amendment is to delete clause 16. This clause provides for the amalgamation and division of societies. My submission is that the advantages of this provision are not commensurate with the complications that it will create. Again no necessity has been made out for a provision of this character. For these reasons, I move that this provision may be deleted.

Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai (*Trivandrum*): I second it.

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): Sir, I oppose the amendment. The honourable member who moved the amendment said just now that no necessity had been made out for this provision. May I say that there are ever so many societies that stand in need of amalgamation? For instance, in a

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